

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 were previously pending but have been cancelled without prejudice to their prosecution in subsequent applications. New claims 22-37 were previously submitted but not entered into the record per the Examiner's Advisory Action dated March 28, 2006. Applicants respectfully submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination and request that the claim amendments contained herein be made of record.

Applicants believe that the amendments place the claims in condition for allowance. Applicants assert that the claim amendments overcome the Examiner's previous rejections and therefore respectfully request a timely Notice of Allowance with respect to claims 22-37.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the claims amendments submitted herewith and prompt allowance thereof. Applicants enclose herewith the fee for a five-month extension of time and the fee for a Request for Continued Examination. Should any additional fee be required, or if any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayments made, to Deposit Account 02-4377.

Respectfully submitted,

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